

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION AT COLUMBUS**

RICHARD B. FREEMAN,

Petitioner,

: Case No. 2:19-cv-4493

- vs -

District Judge George C. Smith  
Magistrate Judge Michael R. Merz

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF  
REHABILITATION AND CORRECTIONS,

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Respondent.

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**NOTICE TO *PRO SE* PETITIONER**

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When she ordered an answer in this habeas corpus case, Magistrate Judge Deavers provided a deadline for Petitioner to file a reply or traverse of twenty-one days after the Return of Writ was filed (ECF No. 4, PageID 80). Respondent has now filed a Return (ECF No. 13) which shows it was served on Petitioner by mail which extends Petitioner's reply date by three days.

Therefore Petitioner's reply/traverse must be filed not later than April 15, 2020.

April 1, 2020.

*s/ Michael R. Merz*  
United States Magistrate Judge